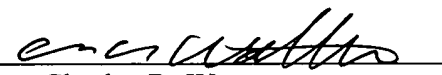


Remarks

The above claim amendments are presented in order to remove multiple claim dependencies, so as to reduce the required filing fee.

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